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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. Applicant's amendment of claims 1 and 7 in the reply filed on December 6, 2005 is acknowledged.
2. Applicant's cancellation of claims 4-6, 8-10, 12, and 13 in the reply filed on December 6, 2005 is acknowledged.
3. Applicant's addition of claims 14-25 in the reply filed on December 6, 2005 is acknowledged.

### *Election of Species (new claims 14-25)*

4. Applicant's statement (see reply filed on December 6, 2005) that newly added claims 14-19, 21, 22, 24, and 25 read on **Valve Prosthesis: Species SR** (Figures 48, 49), **Material of support frame: Species A** (wire), **Corners of support frame: Species B** (Figure 9), and **Attachment of biomaterial to itself: Species C** (heat source) is acknowledged.
5. The reply filed on December 6, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):
  - a. The current copy of the claims (filed on December 6, 2005) does not match the previous copy of the claims (filed on November 25, 2003). As an example, compare claim 7 as filed on November 25, 2003 (e.g., see sentence starting at line 8: "wherein the leaflet outer edge is folded over the support frame...") with claim 7 as filed on December 6, 2005 (e.g., see sentence starting at line 8: "wherein the outer edge of the biomaterial comprising the one or more leaflet...").

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Those portions of the text are complete different, and have not been strike-through or underlined (indicating those portions as amended, added, and/or deleted). This does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

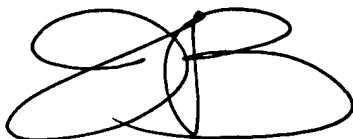
### *Conclusion*

It is noted that the current copy of the claims (filed on December 6, 2005) contains longitudinal lines that makes reading the text of those claims difficult. The Applicant is respectfully requested to present a "clean" (i.e., no longitudinal marks/lines) copy of the claims.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javier G. Blanco whose telephone number is 571-272-4747. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), first Friday of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on (571) 272-4754. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for regular communications and After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

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